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HONGKONG, JANUARY 11th, 1901

We recorded yesterday the report, conveyed in a Havas telegram from Paris at the beginning of the year, that a French gunboat was taking steps on the West River to protect the Roman Catholic converts and to collect the indemnity due to the victims of the recent disturbances. Now it must be recognised that the French gunboats have done some excellent service on the waterways which run through Kwangtung province into the sea at Canton. Thanks to French energy in co-operating with the Chinese authorities, much injury was averted off from the life and property of peaceful converts from the anti-Christian russians who attempted to take advantage of the weakening of the Imperial forces in the south to plunder their compatriots. Owing to the inadequacy of the British fleet on the China station Britain was powerless to do anything in a region where her interests are very great. France, who for all her pretensions to influence in the Kwang provinces has very little real interest in them, stepped in and did some very necessary work in strengthening the hands of the party of law and order. Recognising this fact fully, we are all the more sorry to hear of a repetition of the mischievous action of the *Comte* in Swatow neighbourhood, which is what is implied by the Havas telegram. The protection of converts, when their lives and property are threatened, is a laudable action, and perhaps a necessary one also if the Chinese Government is unable to protect its own subjects. But the demand for indemnities at this stage of the proceeding is unjust and impolitic, and moreover constitutes a breach of faith with the allies of France in the Chinese question. It is unjust, because the incidence of the penalty is on the wrong people, in a vast majority of cases. It is generally found that the work of destruction is done by

wandering bands of rowdies, on the lookout for plunder, not by the regular inhabitants, so that those who have committed the offence are not often those who suffer the punishment. The demand is impolitic, because it tends to inflame the whole neighbourhood against foreigners and Christians and produce the very state of affairs which it professes to punish. Lastly, the demand is a breach of faith, because there is a treaty in course of negotiation which covers this very question of indemnities, and therefore no single Power has the right to extort them independently in any portion of China. We trust that the Paris telegram is incorrect in so far as it states that the demand for compensation forms any part of the action of the French naval authorities on the West River.

To-night the address in connection with the week of prayer at the City Hall will be on "Young Men," the speaker being the Rev. W. J. Southam.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, Q.C., the Hon. Treasurer of the Seamen's Church and Mission Fund, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a subscription of \$10 from Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs.

The Hongkong Hockey Club will play a match v. H.M.S. *Terrible* on the Club Ground at the Happy Valley this afternoon, commencing at 4.15 p.m. The following will be the Club team:—Major Mould, R.E. (goal); Capt. Loring, R.A., and Capt. Bewley, R.A.M.C. (backs); H. W. Slade, F. E. Deacon and Capt. Goodwin, R.A. (half-backs); J. Hooper, J. Hazel, R.M.L.I., Capt. Dykes, R.A., P. A. Cox and G. Badham-Thornhill, R.A. (forwards).

It is intimated that the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., have decided, subject to audit, to pay a final dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital of \$5,000,000, in addition to the interim dividend already paid, which was at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital of \$2,500,000, and to place \$500,000 to the Equalisation of Dividend Fund, carrying forward a balance of \$40,151.01 to now Profit and Loss Account.

In the *Fowchow Daily Echo* of the 5th January are the following items:—A considerable area of land including the foreshore has been purchased by some Japanese at Pagoda, just below the Imperial Chinese Dock. The news of Mr. E. D. H. Fraser's name being included in the New Year honours was received here with general satisfaction. The *s.s. Hsin Yu*, which left yesterday for the North, will have carried many letters of hearty congratulations to Hawkow from members of this community. We learn that the China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd., is to be reconstituted.

The returns of the I.M.C. for the quarter July-September show that the number of vessels which entered and cleared at Canton during the quarter were as follows:—Foreign ocean-going steamers, etc., 87; foreign river-steamers, 344; foreign sailing vessels, 6; Chinese-owned vessels of foreign type, ocean-going steamers, 440; river steamers, 53. Of the vessels, 87 steamers and 6 sailing vessels were from Hongkong, and of the remaining steamers various ports contributed as follows:—Macao 1, Hongay 5, Shanghai 51, North river ports 18, Yangtze ports 6, West river ports 291, and Inland ports 53.

Last night before another fully packed house Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co. repeated the *Geisha*, and again their efforts met with a great success, the house being most enthusiastic. The principle parts are all admirably filled; we were particularly struck with the natural acting of the two sisters, Miss Ivy and Miss Daphne Trotter, who as Reginald Fairfax and Tommy Stanley really seemed to us more life-like officers of H.M.S. *Turtle* than we have seen for long. In our notice yesterday we omitted to mention the capital performance of Miss Agnes Turner, a very young lady who gave an excellent exhibition in the role of Juliette Diamant, the French maid. We should like also to add a word of praise for the orchestra, who are a great improvement on the scratch selection which some companies think sufficient to accompany them. Mr. Pollard brings his own musicians and a very capable lot they are. To-night will be seen the first performance of *The Belle of New York*, a novelty to Hongkong, in spite of its world-wide fame. It is sure of a very warm welcome.

The launch *Kuai Lum* arrived in Manila from Hongkong on the 31st ult. Captain Cobban was in command of her, and made the passage after four previous attempts to get to sea in a small craft had failed. A second launch, the *Wa Hing*, arrived in Manila Bay last week from Hongkong with Captain Robins in charge. She is a 30-ton boat, about 75 or 80 feet long, and powerfully engined. There are still a few of these launches to be brought over from Hongkong, says a Manila paper, and when they have all been distributed about the different outports, the U.S. Government will have a launch system which will be entirely initiative as well as unique. Every port of consequence will have its own designated launch for Customs and Harbour-Master's work. At the same time the transportation of troops and supplies, in time of need, or in fact at any moment when necessary, may be easily accomplished. The excellent work of the Signal Corps, adds the paper, has provided ample accommodation for constant communication between the various ports, so that should any expected attack be made upon a certain garrison, a launch would always be ready at a moment's notice to carry re-enforcements to the desired point.

We regret to have to report the death of Mr. G. A. Bonchinet, editor of our contemporary *L'Avant de l'Outre*, which occurred in hospital at Hanoi on the 1st inst.

The sailing ship *Sea Witch* was destroyed by fire in Manila Bay on Thursday week last. The circumstances point to incendiary, and suspicion rests on some members of the crew. The ship was uninsured, and was intended to be sailed to Hongkong for the use of the United States Government as a store-ship.

A scheme has been inaugurated in connection with the kerossene business of Bombay which will, it is thought, result in a considerable increase in trade. Hitherto, although the kerosene trade with inland towns has made considerable advances, the difficulties of bulk transport by sea have hindered its development in coastal towns. Now, however, at several points on the coast, tanks have been erected varying in size from 600 to 1,200 tons, and the ultimate development contemplated is a chain of tank depots right round the coast from Calcutta to Kamchi. It is interesting to note that the Shell Companies tank-boat which inaugurated this new departure, is the first steamer plying in Indian waters that uses exclusively the new liquid fuel.

France has taken alarm, says the *Rangoon Gazette*, at the massing of Chinese troops on the Indo-Chinese frontier, and has to content herself for the present with such comfort as is to be derived from an assurance that the troops are sent merely to repress brigandage. It may be so, but the massing of troops there may easily lead to complications, and the extreme anxiety to repress brigandage in that particular part of China only is suspicious; so France has good cause for alarm. She must be prepared for any contingency. Even the suppression of brigandage, supposing the Chinese troops to confine themselves to that, would give France trouble, as it would drive many of the brigands into her territory!

The theory that America was first peopled from China and Japan; or that the American Indians are descendants of the crews of junks blown across the Pacific, received a curious illustration in Kobe recently, says a local paper. One of the horse-keepers attached to the horses disembarked at Kobe from one of the American transports for a rest, previous to resuming the voyage to Manila. was a full-blood North American Indian. So like was he in appearance to the Japanese that while engaged on his duties Japanese bystanders would often come up and speak to him in the language fully believing that he was one of themselves. So often did this occur that the Indian became quite angry at being continually addressed in a language he did not understand, and the officers had at last to guard him from inquisitive persons, lest there should be trouble.

According to a contemporary, the Russians have evolved what may be regarded as a monster destroyer of destroyers. She is being built by Schichan at Elbing, and unlike her prey, will have good sea-keeping qualities, besides guns and protection. The *Novik*, for this is the name of this latest disturbance of the existing order of things naval, will have a displacement of about 3,000 tons, and a speed of 25 knots. In a seaway she will be able to travel even better than a flotilla of destroyers, each a tenth her size, and more than proportionately fragile and liable to destruction or worse. She will also have a turtle-back deck of two inches of Krupp armour rising from below her water-line, and completely protecting her vital parts from injury by any light gun fire. While a destroyer carries only a few tons and three pounds, this Russian ship has six 4.7s, weapons of fame, besides eight three-pounders and a couple of Maxim's, and she is fitted with no less than six torpedo tubes, all of them above water, for no foreigner has under-water fittings of a really satisfactory type. She will be able to discharge ahead or astern, and on her broadsides, from four tubes, thus rendering her the most powerful offensive vessel with this weapon afloat. Even the Elswick constructors have never given even a man-of-war, twice or three times the size, more than five tubes.

The following remarks in the December number of the *Contemporary Review* on the new director of Russian foreign policy, Count Lamsdorff, are of interest. The article in which they occur is signed "a Russian Publicist." Count Lamsdorff, says the writer, is hardly the right man for the position. "His only experience was gained in the offices of the various Ministries." Secondly, he had never been abroad, and had no training for the diplomatic service. Count Lamsdorff gained the goodwill and esteem of his chief and colleagues by his extraordinary capacity for work and his industry; but in diplomatic circles he was a *persona non grata*, and nobody ever made the slightest pretence of seeing in him a person of importance. The uncertainty of his future position doubtless forced Count Lamsdorff to adopt at the outset a very reserved attitude, and some of the older Ministers tried to turn this circumstance to their advantage by pushing their influence at the Court. So much is evident from the telegram of General Grodkeff and the proclamation of General Gribsky. As soon as Count Lamsdorff began, so to speak, to feel his feet, he put them down, pretty firmly, and brought to the front his own ideas about Russia's foreign policy, thereby creating what appeared to be a new departure. In reality, however, this new departure was only the old policy of Count Lamsdorff's predecessor, to cripple the influence of the military party. To a certain extent this affords an explanation of the hasty withdrawal of the Russian troops from Peking.

England thus won by 5 games to 4. Mr. T. H. Reid also played and won his game, but his opponent was found to be have been wrongfully included in the "Rest." The Hon. Soc. informs us that Mr. P. W. Sergeant has succeeded in winning the Club's Championship Cup from Mr. H. E. Pollock, Q.C., who has been the holder for four months, defeating his opponent, by two games to one. Mr. Sergeant, as the holder of the Cup, is now liable to be challenged in turn.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

LONDON, 9th January, 5 p.m.

THE SHANHAIKWAN RAILWAY.

Berlin despatches tend to confirm the report that Count von Waldersee has declined to accept the Russian proposals to hand over the North China Railway before England consents to this.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 9th January, 5 p.m.

THE NEW LOAN.

The new Treasury Loan has been half a million oversubscribed.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY ILL.

President McKinley is down with influenza.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 8th January.

THE CHINA CRISIS.

The *Daily Mail* states that the United States have proposed to the Powers that the negotiations at Peking be transferred to Washington.

FRESH RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS

The Times correspondent at Odessa states that 40,000 men to re-inforce the Russian army will sail on the 19th instant, in addition to what has been despatched overland.

THE DEFENCE OF CAPE COLONY.

General Brabant at Cape Town, organising the defence force which is mobilising at Pietermaritzburg. The approach of the Boers, who are 150 miles from Cape Town, has stimulated the recruiting of the town guard to an extraordinary extent.

MURDER AT YAUMATI.

ATTACHED WITH A CHOPPER.

At eleven o'clock on Wednesday night a man named Leung Hing, a partner in a marine store at No. 17, Station Street, South Yaumati, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from wounds in the neck, head, face, and arms. He died at 1.45 yesterday morning. Two arrests have been made.

It would appear that the wounds were caused by a chopper, but the circumstances under which they were inflicted do not appear as yet to have transpired. So far as can be ascertained, however, the murdered man, apparently from motives of revenge, was enticed outside his house and sat upon in the manner described. He was left for dead in the road, but, reviving somewhat, summoned sufficient strength to crawl to the door of his dwelling where he was discovered some time later by a *folk*. This man apprised the police of the affair who, on their arrival, did all they could for the unfortunate man, and then had him conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital, where, as already stated, he died soon after being admitted. One of the two men arrested in connection with the crime is the murderer man's *folk*.

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CRICKET.

The Hongkong Cricket Club will play the Navy to-day, the 11th instant, starting 2 p.m. and continuing on Saturday at 11 a.m. By kind permission of the Admiral and the Captain, and Officers, the band of H.M.S. *Barbican* will play on the ground on Saturday afternoon. The following will represent the Club:

T. Sercombe Smith, Capt. Ainslie, Lt. Higgin, R.W.F., A. G. Ward, Lieut. Krickenbeek, A. Mackenzie, Major Dyson, A.P.D., F. Maitland, Lieut. Lamb, Major Ratcliffe, and P. A. Cox.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

FIELD BATTALION.

The second competition for the new class prizes took place at the Association Range, Kowloon, last Sunday, 6th inst. The following are the three best scores in each class:

"A" CLASS.

200	400	500	Net	
yds.	yds.	yds.	Total	
30	24	29	93	
Sgt. W. Stewart	27	32	27	86
Lt. Mossop	26	26	30	82

"B" CLASS.

25	26	22	73	
Gr. A. E. Chunnell	18	31	23	72
Gr. A. A. Alves	24	26	22	72

"C" CLASS AND REBUITS.

20	31	31	82	
Gr. Duncan	27	31	24	82
Gr. H. Sutton	21	15	4	40

HONGKONG CHESS CLUB.

A match was played yesterday evening at the Club between teams representing England and the Rest of the World. The following was the score:

ENGLAND	REST OF WORLD	
P. W. Sergeant	1 P. C. de Souza	0
H. E. Pollock	1 C. A. M. de Jesus	0
Lt. Col. The O'Gorman	1 M. J. Daunenberg	0
F. G. Hendley	1 Dastur	0

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.

The fifth Club Race was sailed last Sunday the course being round Cosmopolitan Dock, Buoy (port), North Fairway Buoy (starboard), Markpost off Chungking (starboard), Stonecutter's Island (starboard). A start was made in a light westerly air, none of the yachts being considerably impeded by a Chinese cargo-boat, which seized the opportunity of getting right into the middle of the fleet. The *Maid Marian* went away at a great pace, followed by *Bonito* and *Alannah*, with *Iris* a little outside. The wind drew farther aft as they got nearer the buoy and then died out for a few minutes. A light north-westerly air coming in took *Maid Marian* and *Alannah* round close together, with *Iris* next, *Bonito*, which did not get the wind for some time, fourth, and *Erica* fifth. The three leaders got a long way ahead while the rest were almost becalmed between them and the Markpost, thus letting the rear division close up. The wind was now about due north and the Markpost, which was supposed to be off Chungking, but was really two miles or more nearer home, was round by *Alannah*, which was showing very great speed in the light wind. *Iris*, *Maid Marian* and *Chanticleer*, in the order named, *Bonito* and *Gloria* together, and *Erica*, close behind, followed by *Doreen* and *Meteor*, which was sailing beautifully. Once to the west of Stonecutter's a fresh north wind was met, and *Alannah* being ahead caught it first and increased her lead, *Iris* also being well served, but on rounding the East end of Stonecutter's *Iris*, keeping straight on for Kowloon Point, ran into a calm, *Alannah* a long way ahead, having been lucky enough to get through it but being almost becalmed near the sailing ship anchorage. *Bonito*, which was leading the rest, seeing the state of affairs, at once made a hasty turn towards the Cosmopolitan Dock, followed by most of the others, and they all worked along in shore out of the tide as much as possible, and one time it looked as if *Alannah* would be left in a similar way to *Iris*, but she took the hint in time and working in again scored her first win with plenty of time to spare. The tide was growing stronger every minute, so that the further boat was behind the longer it took her to crawl round the point and up to the line, which accounts for the intervals between arrivals. *Gloria*, which had seldom gone so well, was unfortunately disqualified for third place on a protest by *Bonito*, so that the *Iris* took the one mark.

In the second class it seems impossible to handicap *Meteor* so as to give the rest a chance. The old *Sybil* made a much better show than before, and had her helmsman thought a little more of the effect of a strong bearing tide, she would have probably been second. He will know better next time.

The official timing at the finish was—

	1st CLASS.	2nd CLASS.	3rd CLASS.
<i>Alannah</i>	4 29 37	10	
<i>Bonito</i>	4 43 14	4	
<i>Gloria</i>	4 50 33	disqualified	
<i>Iris</i>	4 53 22	1	
<i>Maid Marian</i>	5 8 3		
<i>Doreen</i>	5 13 43		
<i>Chanticleer</i>	5 15 10		
<i>Erica</i>	5 15 44		

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE
AND STORAGE CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the above Company for presentation to the shareholders at the tenth annual meeting to be held at the offices of the General Managers, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, on Monday, the 14th January, 1901.

The General Managers beg to submit to the shareholders their report on the working of the Company, with a statement of accounts, for the year ended 31st of December, 1900.

On the 7th of July the usual interim dividend at the rate of \$1.50 per share was paid out of the half-yearly rental from the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited. The balance now at credit of profit and loss account, including the balance of \$430.32 from last year, amounts to \$4,379.35. After providing for the final dividend at the above rate, absorbing \$3,900.00, there remains a small surplus of \$479.35, which it is recommended to carry forward to next profit and loss account.

AUDITOR.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Henderson, whose re-election is recommended.

MAYER & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1901.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, 31st DECEMBER, 1900.

To capital account	2,500 shares at \$100.00	3
of which \$37.50 paid up		27,500.00
To mortgages of	\$140,000.00	
To mortgages of	20,000.00	
Dividend account	412.50	
To reserve fund	2,500.00	
To balance of profit and loss account	4,379.35	
	\$26,701.85	

By Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

By property account

220,000.00

\$26,701.85

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1900.

By balance of profit and loss account

415.00

By net gain for premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company for 1st half-year, 1900

4,150.00

By net gain for premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company for 2nd half-year, 1900

4,150.00

By transfer fees of 1900

9.00

By interest account, 1900

40.00

To interim dividend paid for 1st half-year, 1900

3,013.00

To commission to General Managers for 1900

500.00

To net profit

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED.

GENTLEMAN to join well appointed BACHELORS' MESS, in good and healthy locality.

Address—

A. A.
Care of Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 11th January, 1901. [201]

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

NO. 6, RICHMOND TERRACE (a Six-Roomed House).
Apply to—

LAU CHU PAK.
Care of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1901. [200]

TO INSURANCE COMPANIES.

WHEREAS 69 bales JUTE in transit from Calcutta to San Francisco ex s.s. *Arran* (Apear) arrived 20th October last, have been damaged by sea water during transit from Godown to on-carrying steamer, we, the undersigned, hereby give notice that, failing instructions to the contrary by NOON on the 18th instant, this cargo will be sold by Public Auction by order of the Surveyors, Messrs. BURNIE AND GODDARD, for the benefit of the concerned.

(Sgd.) BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1901. [202]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship
"ELSE." Captain Petersen, will be despatched for the above port on TUESDAY, the 15th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1901. [199]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOIS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAOS." Captain Flandin, will be despatched for the above ports on or about THURSDAY, the 17th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX.
Agent.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1901. [202]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS will

be ready to-morrow and will contain:—

Leading Articles:—

British Representation at Peking.

China and the Demands of the Powers.

The I.M.C. and the Siege of the Legations.

Marital Law in the Philippines.

Proposed Royal Visit to Hongkong.

The Sanitary Board and the Government.

The Crisis: Telegrams.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

The Attempt to Raise the "Canton River."

Highway Robbery at Shaukiwan.

Pollard's Lilliputians at the Theatre.

The Charge against Mr. H. F. Carnichael.

Fatal Shooting Accident near Shumchun.

Presented to Mr. R. Cooke.

Canton.

The Yangtze.

Sandakan Notes.

The Wreck of the "Suhsiang."

Reviews.

Correspondence.

Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co.

Change Dairies.

Intercept Shooting Match.

Cricket.

Football.

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Hongkong and Port News.

Subscription, \$12 per Annum, payable in advance; postage, 82.

Extra copies 30 cents each. Cash.

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1901.

NOTWITHSTANDING

the increase in the Silver price, ample evidence

has already been given that the Sale of

THE CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY

will this year be more than ever. With only

one exception, each of the

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS

has shewn an increase on its predecessor, and

the Sale has for many years past been reckoned

by

THOUSANDS

outside of Hongkong, while every Office, large

and small, in the Colony takes it, and the Book-sellers dispose of hundreds each year to

TOURISTS.

Therefore

ADVERTISEMENTS

are very much more widely seen than they were

formerly, and yet the cost in gold is greatly

below what it used to be.

ADVERTISEMENTS

can be received for a few days longer. Terms

at the Office of

THE CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY

14, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1901. [195]

WING CHEONG.

Dealers in

JEWELRY, PEARLS, DIAMONDS,

CURIOS, JADESTONWARE, CARVED

IVORYWARE, SILKS, and GEASS

CLOTHS.

AND

GENERAL EXPORTERS.

We beg to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen

of this Colony that we commenced Business on

the 11th April, 1900, and we solicit their kind

patronage.

Nos. 1 & 3, D'AGUILAR STREET.

Behind Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1901. [142]

ENTERTAINMENT.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL.
LESSERS AND PROPRIETORS:
Mrs. N. Chester, Messrs. A. H. & E. J. Pollard.

TO-NIGHT
AND EVERY EVENING
Till further notice,
For the First time in the Colony of

THE 20TH CENTURY.
Under the distinguished Patronage of H. E.

Sir HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G., and Suite,

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1901. [192]

POLLARD'S

LILLIPUTIAN

OPERA CO.

OF 50 PERFORMERS.

TO-NIGHT
AND EVERY EVENING

Till further notice,

For the First time in the Colony,

The enormously successful American production,

THE BELLE OF NEW YORK,

In Two Acts of Six Scenes.

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TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) AFTER-
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12th January.

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AT 3.30 P.M.

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Plan at ROBINSON'S. Prices as Usual.

Doors Open at 8 P.M.

Performance starts punctually at 9 P.M.

Carriages at 11.45 P.M.

The Star Ferry Co. has kindly consented to

delay the last ferry to 12.15. Arrangements

have been made with the Peak Tramway Co.

to run a special tram a quarter of an hour after

the performance.

A LEVEY, Business Manager.

A. H. POLLARD, Manager.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1901. [323]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 1187.

TENDERS with Detailed Specifications will

be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office

up to NOON of FRIDAY, the 1st Fe-

bruary, 1901, for the Construction and Supply of

TWO WOODEN or COMPOSITE

STEAM FERRY BOATS for the JOHORE

STRaits. (See Admiralty Chart No. 2493.)

Length 93 feet over all.

Breadth not less than 17 feet.

Maximum draft 7 feet.

The vessels to be of sufficient stability to

carry passengers on a whale deck about one half

of their length.

To be driven by single or twin screw engines

at a speed of 9½ knots on the measured milia. If

composite built, the frames and scantlings

throughout to be accessible for painting and

preservation from corrosion. Ceiling to be

dispensed with as far as possible, what ceiling

there is to be of hard wood. The outside plank-

ing to be of teak of substantial thickness.

If of wood to be built of Java teak or Panaga

crooks for frames, &c with teak planking and

hard wood ceiling.

The boats to be sheathed to well above the

water line with 18 oz. yellow metal.

Tender must state the price 1st with fit-

tings to burn liquid fuel, carrying a sufficient

supply to steam about 500 knots—2nd with fit-

tings for burning wood fuel—3rd with fit-

tings which can be altered for burning liquid or wood

fuel as found expedient.

One short mast forward for light and signall-

ing and a teak wood dingy to be supplied with

each vessel.

First Class and Native passenger accommoda-

tion to be separate. Space for baggage to be

provided below.

Any further information can be obtained

from the Master Attendant, Singapore. The

Tenders to state the date on which the boats

can be completed and delivered in Singapore.

The Government does not undertake to ac-

cept the lowest or any tender.

Colonial Secretary's office.

Singapore, 22nd October, 1900. [284]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONG-

KONG, No. 1165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

Lodge will be held in the FREEMEA-

SONS HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNES-

DAY, the 16th January, at 8.30 for 9 P.M.

Visiting Brethren are cordially

invited to attend.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1901. [186]

WATCHES, DIAMONDS,

JEWELRY.

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HONGKONG
BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

AUCTIONEERS, &c.

PAUL BREWITT,
2 Zetland Street, Auctioneer, Appraiser
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Chemists and Druggists, High-class Aerated
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Every Household Article. Depot for
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chants, 144, Des Vieux Road.

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mission Agents and General Store-
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Professor of the College of Arts of Manila.
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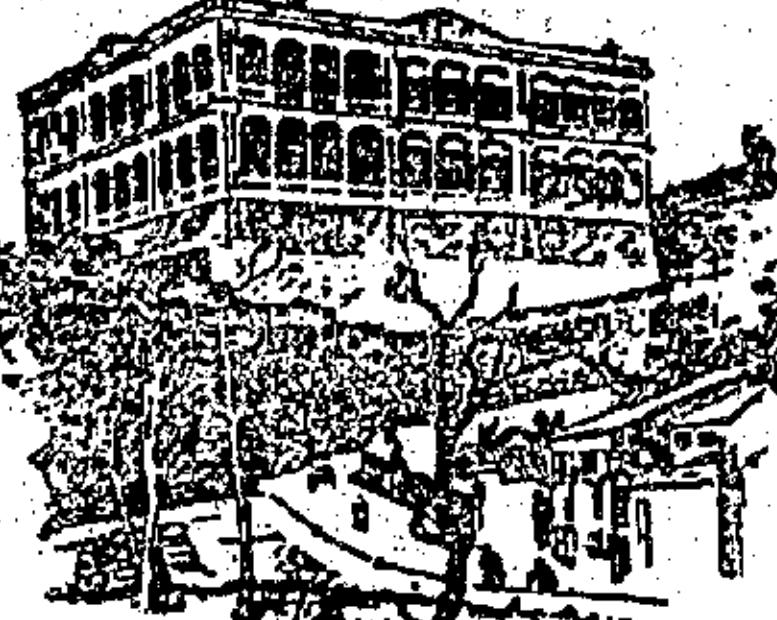
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Terms Moderate.

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OUR FIVE ATMOSPHERES — EGYPTIAN GEM
MINES — CHEMICAL MEAT AND BREAD —
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DETECTIVE — INCANDESCEENCE AND EYE-
SIGHT — SYNTHETIC BUBBLE — LIGHTNING
NOT WIND-BLOWN — NEW LAMP FILAMENTS.

The air at the earth's surface is found to
contain 21 per cent. of oxygen, 75 of nitrogen,
03 of carbon dioxide, 04 of argon, 01 of
helium, and 02 of hydrogen. From data
supplied by Gautier, Dalton, and Laplace, Dr.
Gustavus Hinrichs has calculated the proportions
of these gases in the air at increasing
heights, and finds that we must distinguish
five strata or separate atmospheres. The
lowest atmosphere, containing the aqueous
vapour, clouds and carbonic acid, reaches a
height of 12 miles. The oxygen atmosphere
extends beyond this to 30 miles, when the
proportion of oxygen falls to less than 10 per
cent. The nitrogen at this point rises to 86
per cent., gradually diminishing to 4 per cent.
at 60 miles. Then follows the helium atmos-
phere, where helium reaches its maximum of
16 per cent. This gradually gives way to
hydrogen, which at 100 miles forms 90 per
cent. of the air, and in the upper layers of
the atmosphere is the only gas present.

Cleopatra's Emerald Mines, so-called, are
near Jebel Sikait, a mountain of 1,200 feet, east
of Edfu, Egypt, and about 15 miles from the
Red Sea. On a recent visit Mr. D. A. Mac-
Alister found that the emeralds occur in mica
schist and talc schist, and that the mines are
long and tortuous passages, just large enough
for the body to be dragged through. So ex-
tensive were the mining operations of 2,000
years ago that at this spot alone considerably
over 100 mines were seen, some of taking more
than an hour to crawl through. Within a
couple of hours or so, moreover, there are seven
or eight other groups of mines.

That our food will some day be built up
chemically from nitrogen, carbon and other
necessary elements is a fascinating theory, upon
which most scientific men look sceptically. M.
Berthelot, however, is cited as an eminent be-
liever, and he is stated to foresee both artificial
meat and artificial bread.

Two induction coils built in America for
wireless telegraphic work in Japan weigh 1,500
lbs. each and give sparks of 45 inches.

A curious similarity between the little un-
derstood action of ferments and the contact
action of metals has been brought to notice by two
German chemists. The ferments are of two
classes—the organised, such as the yeast fungus,
that changes sugar to alcohol, and the actic
ferment, that oxidises alcohol into acetic acid;
and the unorganised, such as diastase, which
converts starch into sugar. Without
entering themselves into the reaction, these
ferments cause change in indefinitely large
quantities of material, their action being stopped
by heat and certain poisons. Platinum is a
finely divided state oxidises alcohol to acetic acid
and inverts cane sugar, and in a colloidal form
dissolved in water, as produced by a strong
electric current passed between platinum poles
under water, its action is even more ferment-
like. One part in about 350,000,000, causes
appreciable decomposition of hydrogen peroxide.
The platinum plays no chemical part
in the reactions, and its action is arrested by
powerful poisons, and—as with ferments—
by afterwards partially recovered.

Iodine vapour is an agent for detecting frauds
and alterations in business papers that Pro-
Braylants and Gody, Belgian experts, have
found of value. It turns the paper blue, and
if not too lightly sized or poorly dried, the
surface shows by irregular coloration where
attempts to change have been made. Parts
that have been wet, as by ink to be made visible
by some reagent or those that have quickly
faded, take on a deeper blue. Parts that have
been rubbed, though too slightly to affect the
transparency of the paper, show yellowish or
yellowish brown, which, on wetting and then
drying, becomes a deeper blue, unless the era-
sure has removed some of the surface, when
the shade is lighter. Writing that seems hope-
lessly erased may sometimes be brought out by
treating the reverse side of the paper with
iodine vapour while holding the sheet in front
of a mirror.

After careful investigation, the medical faculty
of the University of Heidelberg have
concluded that electric and gas incandescent
lights are not harmful to the eyes. In halls
and other places where many people gather
lighting by electricity is desirable for hygienic
reasons.

During the last twenty years the subject of
artificial camphor and gutta percha has re-
ceived considerable attention. The research

NOT BEYOND HOPE.

Those who have suffered year after year with
Rheumatism will be glad to hear of a remedy
that has proved an absolute specific. There are
no severe nor from what cause, that cannot
immediately be relieved and permanently cured
by Little's Oriental Balm. People who have
tried a hundred remedies, liniments, and doctors
are apt to be resigned to their fate. They
come to believe that there is no such a
cure as a cure for Rheumatism. They have
been disappointed so many times that another
trial seems almost useless. To all such we say,
try Little's Oriental Balm faithfully and patiently
and you will soon rejoice at the return of your
precious health. Many a person has been cured
through Little's Oriental Balm by the use of a
single bottle, others have used from 6 to 8 bottles
to obtain the same result. In only very rare and
exceedingly obstinate cases were more than 8
bottles necessary. Sold at Re. 1 per bottle.
Agents for Hongkong.—THE VICTORIA
DISPENSARY, LTD.

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has been stimulated by the early discovery that
isoprene, a hydrocarbon distilled from coconuts
and oxidised by acids into an elastic mass
having the properties of the natural gum, can
be obtained also from gutta percha, turpentine,
and vegetable oils. The experiments have
shown that the artificial gum can be produced,
the problem now being how to lessen the cost.

The so-called new synthetic gum of M. Eugenio
Turpin, who is known as the inventor of melli-
nite, is produced by heating vegetable oil to
125 deg. to 250 deg. C., and oxidising by a
current of air or by barium or manganese bichro-
mide, adding as the oil begins to harden 25 per
cent. by weight of colophony resin; 25 per
cent. of powdered sulphur, 5 or 10 per cent. of
spirits of turpentine, and 1 to 2 per cent. of car-
bon chloride. On reaching the proper pasty
consistency, the mass is cooled, and is the arti-
ficial melli-nite.

The air at the earth's surface is found to
contain 21 per cent. of oxygen, 75 of nitrogen,
03 of carbon dioxide, 04 of argon, 01 of
helium, and 02 of hydrogen. From data
supplied by Gautier, Dalton, and Laplace, Dr.
Gustavus Hinrichs has calculated the proportions
of these gases in the air at increasing
heights, and finds that we must distinguish
five strata or separate atmospheres. The
lowest atmosphere, containing the aqueous
vapour, clouds and carbonic acid, reaches a
height of 12 miles. The oxygen atmosphere
extends beyond this to 30 miles, when the
proportion of oxygen falls to less than 10 per
cent. The nitrogen at this point rises to 86
per cent., gradually diminishing to 4 per cent.
at 60 miles. Then follows the helium atmos-
phere, where helium reaches its maximum of
16 per cent. This gradually gives way to
hydrogen, which at 100 miles forms 90 per
cent. of the air, and in the upper layers of
the atmosphere is the only gas present.

The broadening of lightning flashes in pic-
tures taken by moving cameras may have three
conceivable explanations. The image may be
spread out by the camera's motion, the flash
being not instantaneous; many successive dis-
charges along the same path may have the
effect of lengthening the time of the discharge;
or the conducting path may be distorted by
the wind. C. Forch has been testing these
theories. One photograph showed both the
broadened lightning and buildings broadened
to the same degree—thus testifying to the
permanence of the path as well as the limited
duration of the flash. While other photographs
were less conclusive, it seemed certain that
broadening by wind was absent.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED
LONDON	JAPAN	Brit str.	—	G. K. Wright, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
LONDON, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	CHUSAN	Brit str.	—	C. L. Daniel, E.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 10th inst., at Noon.
LONDON	REIPPEUS	Brit str.	—	Day	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 2nd inst.
LONDON	ALCINOUS	Brit str.	—	G. W. Gordon, E.N.E.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 6th Feb.
LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	Brit str.	—	G. W. Gordon, E.N.E.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On or about 7th Feb.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	PREUSSEN	Ger. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, E.N.E.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On or about 18th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	NORMANNIA	Ger. str.	—	E. Preuß	MELCHERS & CO.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG	NORDENREY	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, v. SPOKE, &c.	WAKASA MARU	Japan str.	—	—	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 14th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	MARNE	French str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, & BALTIc PORTS	SIAM	Ger. str.	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SILESIA	Ger. str.	—	—	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 22nd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SIBERIA	Ger. str.	—	—	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 9th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	FREIBURG	Ger. str.	—	—	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 18th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	DEVONSHIRE	Brit str.	—	—	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 28th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	POLARSTERNEN	Brit str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-day.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL	BRITISH	Brit. ship.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	MORROW	Brit str.	—	—	ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	Quick despatch.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 16th inst.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, &c.	GOODWIN	Brit str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 18th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON, &c., via JAPAN, &c.	ADATO	Brit str.	—	—	ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	On 15th inst.
PORTLAND (OREGON) U.S.A.	SKARPNES	Nor. str.	—	—	T. M. STEVENS & CO.	On or about 16th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Japan str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO via AMOY, &c.	CITY OF R. DE JANEIRO	Amr. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
SAN DIEGO, &c., via MOJI, &c.	COPTIC	Brit str.	—	—	U. & O. S. S. CO.	On 29th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KARAVEN	Brit str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	YAWATA MARU	Japan str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	GUTHRIE	Ger. str.	—	—	GIBE, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAWACHI MARU	Japan str.	—	—	SIEGMESSEN & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	IDZUMI MARU	Japan str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BINGO MARU	Japan str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BENVENTE	Brit str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Feb., at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KASUGA MARU	Japan str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HIROSHIMA MARU	Japan str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	KWEILIN	Brit str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	ELSE	Ger. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Brit str.	—	—	SIEGMESSEN & CO.	On 15th inst., at 4 P.M.
LAOS	FRENCH	French str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On or about 15th inst.
COROMANDEL	BRITISH	Brit str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	On or about 17th inst.
HAMBURG	AKASHI MARU	Japan str.	—	—	MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA	On 16th inst.
TAITAN	HATSU MARU	Japan str.	—	—	Douglas LAPRAIK & CO.	To-day, at 8 A.M.
TAMSUI MARU	ANPING MARU	Japan str.	—	—	MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
HAILOONG	HAILOONG	Brit str.	—	—	MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at Daylight.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit str.	—	—	Douglas LAPRAIK & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
MANILA VIA AMOY	DIAMANTE	Brit str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
MANILA, JEBU & ILOILO	KAI FONG	Brit str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 14th inst., at 5 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY	BISAGNO	Ital str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUMSANG	Brit str.	—	—	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 14th inst., at Noon.
				—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 15th inst., at Noon.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.			
THE Company's Steamship			
"YUENSANG."			
Captain Rolfe, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 11th inst., at 8 A.M.			
For Freight or Passage, apply to			
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.			
Hongkong, 9th January, 1901.			
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.			
THE Company's Steamship			
"HAMBURG."			
OF THE HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Captain Krech, due here with the outward Mail about the 11th inst., will leave for the above places about 24 hours after arrival.			
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.			
For further Particulars, apply to			
MELCHERS & CO., Agents.			
Hongkong, 8th January, 1901.			
THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.			
FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE AND COPENHAGEN VIA BANGKOK.			
THE Company's Steamship			
"NORMANNIA"			
will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 12th inst.			
For Freight, apply to			
MELCHERS & CO., Agents.			
Hongkong, 7th January, 1901.			
THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.			
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.			
THE Company's Steamship			
"TAMSUI MARU,"			
Captain Hasegawa, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 13th inst., at DAYLIGHT.			
For Freight or Passage, apply to			
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.			
Hongkong, 9th January, 1901.			
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.			
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.			
THE Company's Steamship			
"HAILOONG."			
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 11th instant, at Noon.			
For Freight or Passage, apply to			
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.			
Hongkong, 9th January, 1901.			
FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.			
THE Steamship			
"SILESIA,"			
Captain Magazini, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 11th inst., at Noon.			
This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.			
For Freight or Passage, apply to			
SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.			
Hongkong, 10th January, 1901.			
THE Company's Steamship			
"DEVONSHIRE,"			
Captain Corlett, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 11th January, 1901.			
For Freight, apply to			
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.			
Hongkong, 8th January, 1901.			
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.			
THE Steamship			
"TAMSIU MARU,"			
Captain Buller, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 15th inst., at Noon.			
For Freight or Passage, apply to			
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.			
Hongkong, 9th January, 1901.			

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKO-	BENVENUTO	On 11th Jan.
HAMA		
MANILA, CEBU AND ILOILO	KAI FONG	On 12th Jan.
SHANGHAI	KWAI LIN	On 14th Jan., at 4 P.M.
		For Freight or Passage, apply to—
		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1901.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"RHIPHEUS"	Day	On 22nd Jan.
LONDON	"ALCINOUS"		On 5th Feb.
LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	Brown	About 18th Jan.
			(Taking Cargo at London Rates).
			For Freight, apply to—
			BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS O. S. S. Co.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1901.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
NIPPO. MAR. (via)
Shanghai, Nagasaki, SATURDAY, Jan. 12,
Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)

AMERICA. MAR. (via)
Shanghai, Nagasaki, THURSDAY, Feb. 7,
Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)

HONGKONG. MAR. (via)
Shanghai, Nagasaki, SATURDAY, Mar. 2,
Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)

THE Twin-Screw Steamship
"NIPPON MARU"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO
VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,
INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONO-
LULU on SATURDAY, the 12th of January,
1901, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers
for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONO-
LULU, and Passengers are allowed to break
their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic
lines of steamers and to the principal cities of
the United States or Canada. Rates may be
obtained on application.

Passenger holding through ORDERS TO
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail
routes from San Francisco, including the
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,
and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of
24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passenger holding orders for OVERLAND
CITIES in the United States have, between
San Francisco and Chicago, the option of
the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,
and other direct connecting Railways, and from
Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had
on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European
officials in service of China and Japan, and to
Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities
of the United States, via Overland Railway, to
Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports
in Mexico, Central and South America, by the
Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M.
the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages
will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same
day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to points beyond San Francisco in the
United States should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 26th December, 1900.

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.FOR FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND
AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship
"AKASHI MARU"
Captain K. Suzuki, will be despatched for the
above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 16th
inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1901.

FOR PORTLAND (ORE.) U.S.A.

Booking Cargo for SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. and
OVERLAND COMMON POINTS OF THE
UNITED STATES by Connecting
Railroads.

THE Norwegian First Class Steamer

"SKAEPSON,"
Captain Tollefson, will be despatched on or
about the 16th January, 1901.For Freight or Passage, apply to
T. M. STEVENS & CO.,
4, Duddell Street,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1900.

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THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND
TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU,"

Captain S. Atsumi, will be despatched for the
above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd
January, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1901.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Port DABWIN and QUEEN-
SLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo
to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE,"

Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the
above ports on THURSDAY, the 31st instant,
at 4 P.M.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provi-
sions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
The Steamer is installed throughout with
the Electric Light.
A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon
are carried.
N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Com-
pany to and from Australia are available for
return by the steamers of the China Navigation
Company and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1901.

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VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

PAQUEBOTS—POSTE FRANCAIS

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLONIC, PONDICHERY, MADEIAS,

CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT;

MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN

AND BLACK SEA PORTS,

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,

ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

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THE COMPANY'S New Steamship

"DIAMANT."

Captain A. Ramsey, will be despatched as

above on MONDAY, the 14th January, at

5 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the

excellent accommodation provided by this

Steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric

Light.

A doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1901.

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CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE
RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM

HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO

AND SAN FRANCISCO,

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

HONOLULU.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS

TO JAPAN PORTS AND

HONOLULU.

THE UNITED STATES,

MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH

AMERICA, &c.

S.S. "KVARVEN" —

On 20th Jan.

THE Steamship "KVARVEN" will

be despatched for SAN DIEGO and

SAN FRANCISCO via MOJI, KOBE

YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on

SUNDAY, the 20th January, 1901.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point

in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M.

the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages

will be received at the Office until the same

time. All Parcels should be marked to address

in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo des-
tined to points beyond San Diego, should be

sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the

Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or

Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd June, 1900.

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SALAMANDER FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1899

£14,409,059.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £3,000,000 0 0

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000 0 0

PAID-UP CAPITAL... 887,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS... 2,731,183 13

The Undersigned, having been appointed

AGENTS for the above Company, are pre-
pared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at

current rates.

Claims settled direct without reference to the

Head Office.

A. R. MARTY,

Agent.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1900.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCAN-
TILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1899

£14,409,059.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £3,000,000 0 0

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000 0 0

PAID-UP CAPITAL... 887,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS... 2,731,183 13

The Undersigned, having been appointed

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

FRENCH MAIL FOR EUROPE.—The date of departure of the a.s. *Manche*, with the next homeward French Mail, has not yet been fixed.
The *Hamburg*, with the German Mail of the 10th December, left Singapore on Sunday, the 6th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.
The *City of Rio Janeiro*, with the American Mail of the 14th ultimo, left Yokohama on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 16th inst.
The *Loes*, with the French Mail of the 14th December, left Singapore on Thursday, the 10th inst., at 7 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 17th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on November 10th.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR P.M. DAY AND HOUR.

Haiphong	Friday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Friday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Kobe	Friday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Osang	Friday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Chefoo	Friday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Beaufort	Friday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Benvenue	Friday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Devonshire	Friday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Yuenlong	Friday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Tartar	Friday, 11th, 4.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Friday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Saturday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Nippon Maru	Saturday, 12th, Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
Japan	Saturday, 12th, 2.00 P.M.
Ettruria	Saturday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Kaifong	Saturday, 12th, 5.03 P.M.
Trinomari	Monday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Bisagno	Monday, 14th, 3.00 P.M.
Kueili	Monday, 14th, 4.00 P.M.
Diamante	Tuesday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.
Mausam	Tuesday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.
Kumam	Wednesday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Goochwin	Wednesday, 16th, Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Empress of China	Saturday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Chusan	Papers, 10.30 A.M.
Kearren	Letters, 11.00 A.M.
	Sunday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.

(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONGKONG AND SAN FRANCISCO.—(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

EUROPE, &c., India via Tutiocorin.—(Late Letters, 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

CHINA.—(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

TO DAY.—Performance by the Pollard Opera Co., City Hall, 9 p.m.

TO MORROW.

Sale, 2 Griffins, Race Course, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 8 a.m.

Sale, Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. Paul Brewitt, 2.30 p.m.

Sale, Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.

Sale, Bullock Siege Train Bullock Lines, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 3.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

THURSDAY, 10th January.

ON LONDON.—Telegraphic Transfer, 2/0¹; Bank Bills, on demand, 2/0¹; Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 2/1; Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 2/1¹; Credits, at 4 months' sight, 2/1¹; Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight, 2/1¹.

ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand, 2.00; Credits, at 4 months' sight, 2.00.

ON GERMANY.—On demand, 2.12.

ON NEW YORK.—Bank Bills, on demand, 50¹; Bank Bills, on demand, 60¹.

ON HONGKONG.—Bank Bills, on demand, 2.00; Credits, at 4 months' sight, 2.00.

ON BOMBAY.—Telegraphic Transfer, 1541; Bank, on demand, 1541.

ON CALCUTTA.—Telegraphic Transfer, 1541; Bank, on demand, 1541.

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank at sight, 72; Private, 30 days' sight, 73.

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand, 2 p.c. dis.

ON MANILA.—On demand, 1 p.c. dis.

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand, 1 p.c. pm.

ON HATAYA.—On demand, 124¹.

ON HAIPHONG.—On demand, 24 p.c. pm.

ON SAIGON.—On demand, 14 p.c. pm.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand, 60.

SOVEREIGNS.—Bank's Buying Rate, 9.58

Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael, 50

Baht Silver, per oz, 20¹.

OPium.

Quotations are—Allow 20c. to 1 catty.

Malwa New, \$800 to \$810 per picul.

Malwa Old, \$820 to —

P. P. per wrapped, \$850 to —

Persian fine quality, \$870 to —

Patna New, \$880 to — per chest.

Patna Old, — to —

Bonares New, \$890 to —

Fumares Old, — to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Hamburg*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 10th ult., left Singapore on Sunday, 6th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Loes*, with the outward French mail, left Singapore on the 10th inst., at 7 a.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 14th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on the 8th inst., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The O. O. steamer *Coptic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 22nd ult., via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, is on the 29th ult.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 8th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of India* left Victoria, Tuesday, 1st Jan., a.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

CHARTERED SHIPS.

The C. & O. steamer *Kearren* left Moji on the 7th inst. and is due in Hongkong on the 12th inst.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 10th January.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	ISSUE VALUE.	PAID UP.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	\$0—div. at 1/11d.—	\$165 p. o. pr. —\$3084, 1st half year 1900 —\$300.
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	199,878	\$25	\$25	None	\$25 6s.
Do. Deferred	1,200	\$21	\$21	None	\$27 buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd.	13,707,210	\$20	\$20	2/3 for 1899	\$37 buyers
Do. Founder's Shares	29,035 B	\$10	\$10	2/3 and 1/17/—\$1.30 for 1900	\$28
	750 (40s.)	\$10	\$10	None	
MANUFACTURERS.					
Union Ins. Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$250	40 p. c. pr. —\$220 for 1899	\$245.
China Traders Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$33.32	\$27	19/20 for 1899 and 30/30 for 1900	\$31 sales & buyers
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$100	\$22	Int. 9.22—21.50/28/91	\$17 1/2 sellers
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$100	30—10 p. c. for 1897	\$110 sellers
China Ins. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$250	\$12 for 1899	\$145 buyers
Strait Insurance Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$100	\$100	3 per cent. for 1899	\$11.
FIRE INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$250	2/7 for 1899	\$297 buyers
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$0 for 1898	\$83.
SHIPPING.					
Hongkong Canton and Macao S. B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1.20 for half year ended 30/6/98	\$34.1 sellers
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	sp. c. int. on account of 1900	\$101.
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	14,000	\$50	\$20	20 per cent. for 1899	\$47 sellers
MINE.					
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	1/2 per cent. for year ending 30/6/98	\$212 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co. Limited, Preference	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 3 of 1900	\$112 buyers
Do. Ordinary	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 5 per cent. on 1900	\$142.
Do. do.	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 1000	\$84 buyers
Star Ferry Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$1.05—12 p. c. for year ended 30/4/98	\$101 sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	Int. of 5 p. c. on account of 1900	\$43 4s. sellers
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	Int. of \$25 per share on a/c 1900	\$117.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1897	\$39 buyers
MINING.					
Funjion Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$3	\$3	None	\$4.75.
Do. Preference	30,000	\$10	\$1	None	\$1. sales & buyers
Societe Fran. des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	\$250	\$250	None	\$330 sellers
Queens Mines, Lima	400,000	\$5	\$5	None	7 cents sellers
Jalisco Mining and Trading Company, Ltd.	45,000	\$5	\$5	5 p. c. half year end 31/7/98	\$8 sales
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000	\$21	\$10/10	11/14—51 cts. 10th div. on 7/7/00	\$47 sellers
Oliver's Freshfield Mines Limited	A 15,000	\$5	\$5	None	\$2.
A B 45,000	\$5	\$4	None	First year	\$11.
Great Eastern and California Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	140,000	\$3	\$3	First year	3 cents.
Do. Preferences	70,000	\$1	\$1	30 cents	30 cents
Docks, WHARVES, &c.					
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited	12,500	\$125	\$125	sp. p. & 12 p. c. bonus for year ended 31/12/98	\$371 p. pr. —\$369.33 sellers
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and G. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$50	\$50	Int. of 5 p. c. on account of	